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Board honors retiring teachers

By TRISHA THOMPSON
MANAGING EDITOR

Special presentations were made and general business was discussed at a regular meeting of the Maryville R-II School Board meeting Wednesday.

The meeting opened with awards presented to each member of the Maryville Citizens for Education Committee for their efforts in passing the tax levy increase in February.

"We were able to give significant raises due to the levy plan," Superintendent Gary Bell said when expressing his thanks to the committee.

Retiring teachers Patricia Turner, Creta Cogburn and Stacia Thompson were also presented with plaques from the School Board, recognizing their years of service to the school district.

In general business, the Board approved an increase in lunch prices for the 2001-02 school year. The lunch prices were set at \$1.50 per lunch at Maryville High School, up from \$1.45; \$1.50 at Maryville Middle School, up from \$1.35; Eugene Field Elementary School student lunches will remain the same at \$1.25; adult lunches at the elementary school were set at \$2, up from \$1.75.

"We're never going to be able to cover increasing labor costs, but this will help," Bell said.

The Board also discussed a preliminary budget plan for the next academic year. The Board will need to adopt the budget prior to the ensuing fiscal year which begins July 1. A formal budget document will be brought before the Board to adopt at the next meeting. A public hearing was scheduled for 7 p.m. July 18, prior to the regularly scheduled meeting, so community members and the Board can discuss the school budget and tax rate.

New personnel for the school district were also approved at the meeting. Harry Schieber was re-appointed as treasurer of the Board and Connie Durley was re-appointed as secretary of the Board.

This meeting concluded Bell's reign as superintendent of the school district, as he is retiring. Jay Reese will be taking his place and will take over business at the next Board meeting.

"I enjoyed serving the community," Bell said. "I had fun. I want to thank all of you."

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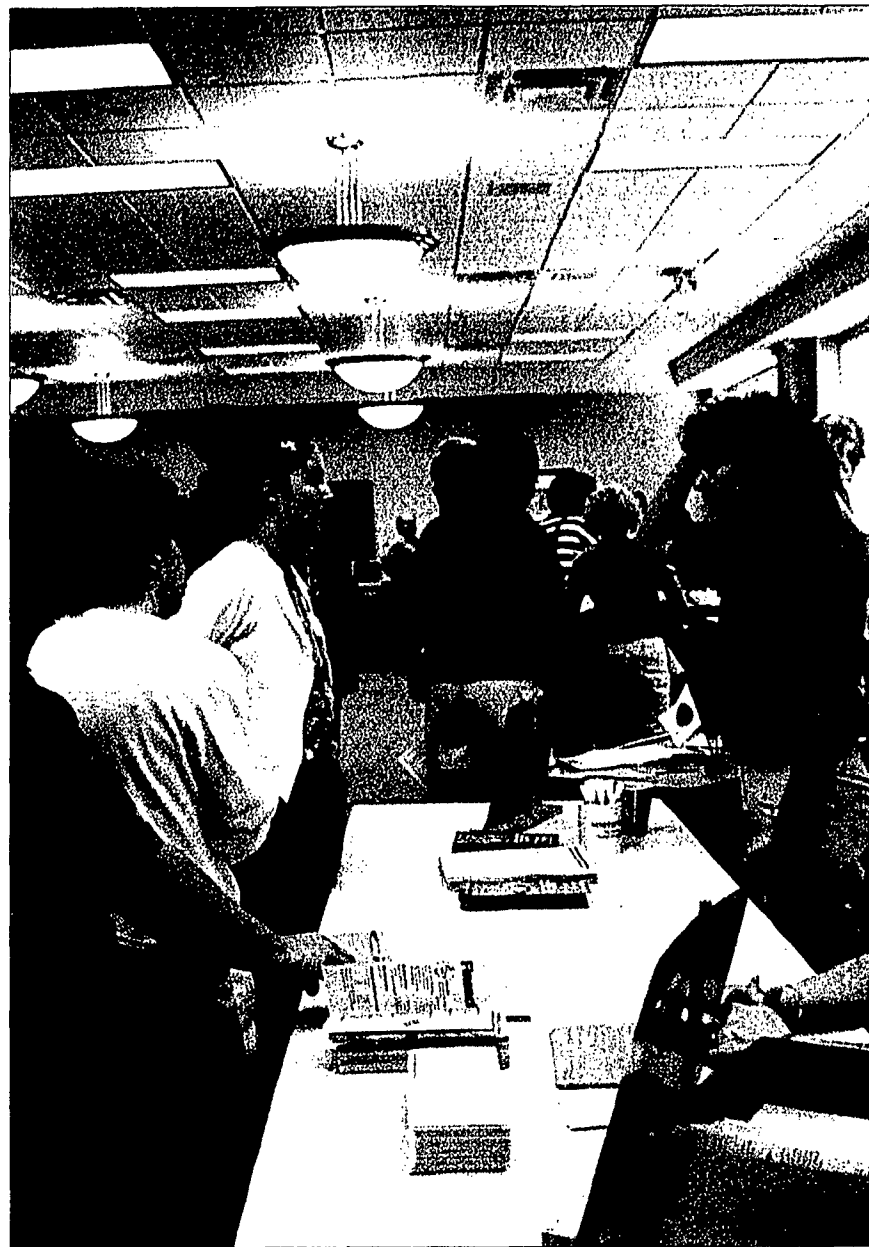


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Anita Germer, Boone, Iowa, talks to Tina Coffelt at the Student Employment table during SOAR's organization fair Friday. Organizations were available to answer students' questions.

Upcoming freshmen visit campus for SOAR

By SAMANTHA FOX
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The Student Orientation Advisement and Register (SOAR) program is busy again trying to help freshmen with a smooth transition into college.

"SOAR is a chance for students to meet other students in their major, and current Northwest students also," said Rebecca Dunn, coordinator of student orientation and transfer affairs. "We have an estimated 1,200 students that will attend the program this month. They also get more detailed information about the campus, they get to talk with faculty, and they also have the opportunity to change their class schedule."

SOAR is a program that has been at Northwest since 1996. Freshmen and their families spend one day on campus, and in that one day, they get a tour of the campus, and have their questions answered by their SOAR leaders and faculty members.

Not only does the program help freshmen get familiar with the campus, but they also get a chance to meet with Northwest students called SOAR leaders, who help the freshmen with any questions they may have.

SOAR leaders' responsibilities are to lead the freshmen through the day's activities and help them get familiar with the campus. The freshmen are placed into groups according to their major, and if they have any questions about classes, or other things related in that field, the SOAR leader can help.

Leaders not only help students when they visit campus, but they also

make a fall schedule for them, so the freshmen have some idea of what classes they will be taking when they arrive on campus in the fall.

"SOAR gives me the opportunity to meet people, and maybe start some new friendships," said Amber Smith, a student who attended the program early this month.

Parents find practical uses for the program.

"We like the program because we get our questions answered about the campus, community, and we know what classes our son will be taking in the fall," said Roger Brown, a parent who attended SOAR earlier this month.

SOAR dates are planned throughout June and Dunn and the SOAR leaders are working hard. In July, the program does make-up days for those who could not attend in June, and also transfer orientation.

On Aug. 23, the freshman will participate in Advantage Week, a week of activities to familiarize new students to life at Northwest before the trimester starts. They also have opportunities to find out about the many organizations on campus, and to meet people before classes start.

Within those first few days, students attend their first freshman seminar class, where they are introduced to their peer advisor and advisor, who will help them with the transition from a high school senior to a college freshman.

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Workers make salsa in preparation for the grand opening of La Bonita, an authentic Mexican restaurant, debuting Friday.

Mexican restaurant to open for business

By SCOTT PHILLIPS
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Three months in progress and the new Mexican restaurant in Maryville is almost open. La Bonita, which means pretty girl in Spanish, is tentatively scheduled to open Friday at 2717 South Main.

Andres Hernandez, owner of La Bonita, says his Mexican restaurant will stand out from Taco John's and The Cactus Grille because Mexican cooks will authentically prepare his food.

Hernandez and his family moved from Guadalajara, Mexico, to Tennessee a little more than nine years ago to start a Mexican restaurant. Then one day while Hernandez was surfing on the Internet, he discovered a small town in northwest Missouri called Maryville.

He saw that Maryville was not very big, but it had a university, which he thought created a great economic opportunity.

Now that La Bonita is coming close to completion, Hernandez urges everyone to come in, sit down, and enjoy authentic Mexican food.

"Come to our own little Mexico right here in Maryville and feel like you're in Mexico," Hernandez said.

And for birthdays, the La Bonita staff will sing a Mexican birthday tune, complete with sombreros.

So the next time someone on the street says "La Bonita" they might be referring to Maryville's new Mexican restaurant, or to a pretty woman.

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Summer vacations not just for students

Summertime provides teachers opportunity for hobbies, other jobs

By LISA JOSEPHSEN
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Do you remember when you were a kid and summer was about fishing by the lake, swimming in the pool and sitting on the couch to watch cartoons every morning?

Those days are long gone for most of us. But, there are those that still have free time, teachers. Outside the classroom, the Maryville school system's staff gets to enjoy the summer sun any way they like. Some take up hobbies they do not have time to do during the school year. Others catch up on housework, reading or spending time with friends and family. And there are those that still work teaching or in completely different occupations.

Her co-workers call her "Mother Earth" but her name is Stacia Thompson. During the winter, she is the school nurse. But amidst the summer's heat she is a regular Martha Stewart.

She creates baskets out of pine needles and gourds and also cans and freezes what she grows in her garden. Bees swarm around the hives of beeswax she uses to make lip balm. All this hard work is not for money, but for gifts. Thompson gives her creations from the Earth to her friends and family for Christmas and other holidays.

The creative spirit also thrives in Karen Ray. The seventh grade language arts instructor spends her summer free time working on stained glass.

Five years ago, she and her husband began building their home. Ray explained that she found it frustrating to wait while he worked and needed something to distract her.

She had wanted stained glass in her house and so she took a class in St. Joseph to learn the craft.

"I've been dabbling with it a bit during the holidays, but mostly during the summer," Ray said.

Ray uses her pieces she creates for her house and for gifts. Ray is also



PHOTO BY MARJIE KOSMAN/EDITOR IN CHIEF

Karen Ray works on a stained glass angel in the basement of the home she and her husband are building. The angels take her a few hours to complete, while larger projects can take weeks. Ray uses her time off of school in the summer for making stained glass creations.

sharing her talent with the Christian Church in Sheridan by creating windows for its new doors.

Some teachers simply enjoy the time leisurely.

Wendy Miller is the special education teacher at Maryville Middle School. She said she and her husband Steve, are "boring" in the summertime. But she is actually busy taking advantage of the few months by spending "quality time with friends and family."

Although their time is spent having fun, they both work sprucing up somewhere. Miller does her home's spring cleaning in the summer, while Steve, also a teacher, cleans the school. For 21 years, Steve has worked as a janitor for the school during the summer.

"Flexible hours are not the job's only benefits," Miller explained. "He has also had the opportunity to take part in the school's changes and is able to give to the school in totally different ways throughout the year."

H.T. Adams, Maryville High School athletic director, does not have many opportunities to escape school despite summer vacation. He is constantly dealing with the current sport season and upcoming seasons. During the summer, he works with coaches and summer camps.

And he finds time to take classes at Northwest along with his wife, Phyllis, who is working toward a new profession. Last summer he took 12 hours

during the summer trimester.

This year he has already been supplied with such an opportunity. He recently returned from "fishing lake trout and listening to the loons" of Quetico, Canada. This trip with his college buddies up north cleared his mind of basketballs and footballs for a little while.

"When I do get away, I try to get completely away," Adams said.

Even the assistant principal takes a little time off. Peggy Schieber of the Middle School uses the summertime to do things she does not have time to do during the school year, such as cross-stitching and boating.

"During the summer, I am able to do things at my own pace," Schieber said. "This makes the school year and summer completely different."

For some, the summertime is different because they work a completely different job.

Like Steve Miller, who is a janitor during the summer, Keith Smith also works a different job during the summer. Smith teaches high school social studies in Maryville, but he is also a supervisor for the Pioneer Seed Corn Company during a month in the summer.

Usually around July, Smith leaves his wife and daughter to work fields in York and Grand Island, Neb. In the past his family stayed with him, but as his daughter, Kylee has filled up her

time with volleyball, basketball and band camps, she and her mother, Diana, stay in Maryville.

Diana said her summer job is "taxicab and ATM" for Kylee, a job that now takes up a lot of her time.

Even though Smith must leave his family, his summer job only enhances his winter job. He is able to use a lot of the maps and materials from Pioneer to teach his classes.

There are those who just cannot break away from the school year so abruptly.

Brenda Ricks, a seventh grade math instructor, continues teaching during June mornings to ease into summer freedom. She compared the summer classes as a transition from work into play.

"Summer school is not as intense and is more laid-back," Ricks said. "You get to spend more time with the kids that are coming up and the kids in the past."

Although the summers are meant for rest and relaxation, most teachers and staff do not take much time off. They are working to better themselves and those around them through hobbies and jobs. As Maryville teachers prove, the talents and altruistic behaviors of a teacher are never dormant.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY

- Music Camp II
- Small Christian Communities Buena Vista Convocation, St. Joseph
- Board of Regents Meeting, 1 p.m., Student Union
- Focus on Kids Program, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce

MONDAY

- Student Payday
- Music Camp III
- Boys' Individual Basketball Camp, Grades 6-12
- Breast Cancer Support Group, noon, First Christian Church, Room 106
- City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall

FRIDAY

- Music Camp II
- Small Christian Communities Buena Vista Convocation, St. Joseph
- SOAR

TUESDAY

- Music Camp III
- Boys' Individual Basketball Camp, Grades 6-12
- 4-H Youth Camp, Missouri Western State College, St. Joseph
- Free Northwest Movie: Traffic, 7 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, Rated: R

SATURDAY

- Small Christian Communities Buena Vista Convocation, St. Joseph
- SOAR
- C-BASE Test, 8 a.m., Valk Lobby
- PRAXIS Test, 8 a.m., Colden Hall

WEDNESDAY

- Music Camp III
- Boys' Individual Basketball Camp, Grades 6-12
- 4-H Youth Camp, Missouri Western State College, St. Joseph
- SOAR
- Chamber Morning Coffee, 7:30 a.m., Bristol Manor

SUNDAY

- Music Camp III
- Small Christian Communities Buena Vista Convocation, St. Joseph
- Parenting Isn't For Cowards, 9:30 a.m., Community of Faith Church

THURSDAY

- Music Camp III
- Boys' Individual Basketball Camp, Grades 6-12
- Cheerleading Camp I
- 4-H Youth Camp, Missouri Western State College, St. Joseph
- Teen Retreat, Missouri Western State College, St. Joseph

PUBLIC SAFETY

June 14

■ Ashley D. Cunningham, 19, Maryville, was stopped at the intersection of First and Munn. Crystal C. Wiederholt, 18, Maryville, was traveling west on West First. Cunningham struck Wiederholt. Cunningham was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving by failure to yield and striking another vehicle.

June 15

■ While on patrol at the intersection of First and Walnut, an officer observed a vehicle make and wide turn, crossing over into the oncoming lane of traffic, and then continue on in the middle of the road. The vehicle was stopped in the 100 block of North Mulberry. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Trevor M. Stille, 21, Maryville. While speaking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he could not complete. He was arrested for DWI after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued citations for failure to keep on right half of roadway.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that her purse had been lost of stolen from the 1200 block of South Main.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone had taken his fishing gear from the 500 block of North Davis.

■ Travis J. Pride, 21, Maryville, was southbound in the 300 block of South Vine. Frances F. Lewis, 59, Winston, was eastbound in the 200 block of East Cooper. As Pride entered the intersection of Vine and Cooper, Lewis entered the intersection and was struck by Pride. Lewis was transported to St. Francis Hospital by Nodaway County Ambulance. Lewis was issued a citation for failure to stop at a posted stop sign causing accident.

■ Alan N. Colling, 20, Kansas City, was attempting to make a left turn from Hwy. 71 onto South Main. Susan R. Cronk, 33, Maryville, was traveling south on Hwy. 71. Cronk struck Colling.

June 16

■ An officer received a report of an individual passed out in his car at the intersection of 14th and Dewey. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Bradley L. Colhour, 26, Tahlequah, Okla. While speaking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests which he could not complete. He was arrested for DWI after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit.

■ Officers received a report from a Maryville female that someone was looking in her window. The case is being referred to the Juvenile Office.

■ While on patrol on South Market, and officer observed a vehicle driving in the middle of the road. The vehicle was stopped in the 500 block of East First. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Art A. Freeman, 50, Keller, Texas. While speaking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests which he could not complete. He was arrested for DWI after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a summons for failure to stay on right half of roadway.

■ While on patrol in the 400 block of West 6th, an officer observed a vehicle excessively accelerate at the intersection of North Fillmore and West 6th. The vehicle was stopped in the 100 block of West 4th. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Ryan D. Vulgamott, 21, Stanberry. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests which he could not complete. He was arrested for DWI after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a summons for excessive acceleration.

June 17

■ Officers received a report of an assault in the 1500 block of East First. Upon arrival, Ross W. Hullinger, 17, Maryville, was issued a summons for assault. Robert E. Long, 18, Maryville, Joseph M. Wilmes, 17, Maryville, and Brent E. Devers, 18, Maryville, were issued summonses for disorderly conduct.

■ While on patrol in the 300 block of North Main, an officer observed a vehicle fail to yield to oncoming traffic. The vehicle was stopped in the 100 block of West Second. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Manessa L. Adwell, 20, Maryville. While speaking with her, an odor of intoxicants was detected. She was asked to perform some field sobriety tests which she could not complete. She was arrested for DWI after her blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. She was also issued a citation for failure to yield right of way from a stop.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone had damaged mail boxes in the 1600 block of North Grand.

■ An officer recovered a boy's bike from the 200 block of North Market.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

May 31

■ Goy Gordon Hamilton, 41, Ulrich, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for 17 counts of second degree sodomy.

■ A Graham subject reported trespassing and property damage to property in Skidmore.

June 1

■ Daniel C. Brecht, 22, Corning, Iowa, was arrested for DWI. He was released after being held for the mandatory detox.

June 2

■ Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in Elmo, Mo. No arrests were made.

■ Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in Skidmore. No arrests were made.

June 4

■ A Ravenwood subject reported harassing telephone calls.

June 5

■ A Maryville subject reported property damage at her residence.

■ Lacida Sproat, 19, Pickering, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for motion to revoke probation and passing bad checks.

June 6

■ Shelly D. Laughlin, 28, Beaver City, Neb., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for motion to revoke probation, passing bad checks and forgery.

June 7

■ A Sheridan subject reported a burglary from his residence.

■ A Maryville subject reported a theft from a storage area in Maryville.

June 8

■ A Maryville subject reported vandalism to a business in Maryville.

June 10

■ A Maryville subject reported a theft from his residence.

June 11

■ A Parnell subject reported a theft from their residence.

June 12

■ A theft was reported at a business in Guilford.

BIRTHS

Kailey Nicole Wilmes

Jennifer Wilmes and Jason Chesnut, Maitland, are the parents of Kailey Nicole, born June 13 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and joins one brother, Clinton. Her maternal grandparents are Tom and Sharon Wilmes, Big Lake

Cooling off



PHOTO BY TRISHA THOMPSON/MANAGING EDITOR

Brian Lucas, 26 months, plays in the shallow end of the pool at the Maryville Aquatic Center Monday afternoon. Monday's hot weather made the pool a popular hangout.

Village. Her paternal grandparents are Doug and Susan Chesnut, Hopkins.

Ashley LeAnn Arneson

Lee Arneson and Shantel Stevens, Maryville, are the parents of Ashley LeAnn, born June 11 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and joins one brother, Dustin.

Her maternal grandparents are Jim and Carla Stevens, Quitman.

Jessica Dawn Johnson

Rick and Jennifer Johnson are the parents of Jessica Dawn, born June 10 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

Her maternal grandparents are Carla Wallace, Cantril, Iowa, and Gabe Wallace, Shenandoah, Iowa. Her paternal grandparents are Doris and Larry Johnson, Bethany.

Riley Ann Gray

Todd and Janice Gray, Maryville, are the parents of Riley Ann, born June 10 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and joins one brother, Jakob.

Her maternal grandparents are Gerald and Jeanie Osborn, Lathrop. Her paternal grandparents are Larry and Wally Gray, Maryville.

DEATHS

Charles Wesley Spoonemore

Charles Wesley Spoonemore, 63, died June 13 at the Maryville Health

Care Center in Maryville.

He was born Sept. 12, 1937, to Wesley and Jessie Spoonemore in Ravenwood.

He is survived by one son, Christopher Wiederholt; two daughters, Regina Wiederholt and Marie Yankey; six grandchildren and five sisters.

Services were June 16 at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville.

Pauline Ringold Arthur

Pauline Ringold Arthur, 97, died June 16 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born March 31, 1904, to Asa and Bertha Ringold in rural Hopkins.

She is survived by one brother, Howard Ringold; one nephew, Wilbur Noakes and three nieces, Rosalie Dalton, Dolores Litherbury and Melba Bentley.

Services were June 19 at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville.

Raymond Fisher

Raymond Fisher, 84, died June 14 at Heartland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

He was born March 29, 1917, to John and Gracie Fisher in Gaynor.

He is survived by one son, Jack Fisher; two daughters, Joyce Runyon and Ann Judd; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three brothers and three sisters.

Services were June 18 at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville.

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HE NEVER HEARD A THING.

MY VIEW

Editor wants children supervised, out of her dumpster



S. CHEYENNE SHAFER
PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

It's the first day of summer. This day usually brings to mind images of baseball games, picnics and swimming pools.

When I look out the bedroom window of my apartment I see none of these things. I see a walk-in trash bin with children playing in it.

These children are dirty, barefoot and they look as though no one has combed their hair.

What parents would let their child play in a trash bin? I imagine the parents are aware of where their children are. Our trash bin smells, well, like any other trash bin in June. The children would have had to smell when they went home at night. If they go home at night.

This trash bin is where college kids throw their trash away: beer bottles, cigarette butts and ashes, used condoms, food that has gone bad and anything else you can possibly imagine. This is a trash bin you can't get within 10 feet of before being attacked by flies. Bags of trash are broken open. Shards of glass lie on the concrete floor of the bin. These children consider this their playground.

The sound of children playing goes on until dark almost every night. This place is a treasure chest for them. It might be for any child whose parents don't teach them right from wrong.

Unfortunately, this is not a new experience. Last summer I witnessed the same events. The same children. The

same smelly trash bin.

Last summer, it only took a week of children playing in the trash bin for me to be completely infuriated. I stormed outside once while they were playing and told them that I had called the police and they were going to be in big trouble if they didn't quit playing in the trash.

That was all it took. Our trash bin was child-free for the entire year. But it's summer again, and I guess the temptation of flies and other people's garbage was just too much for the kids.

Sure, I could yell at them again, but what good is that going to do? I'm moving from my Maryville ghetto apartment in July. Who will they have to be afraid of then? The kids will go back to their old routine of sorting garbage, looking for a buried treasure.

So what can be done? The parents who conceived these children could take responsibility for them.

Because I have no children, some parents may think I have no room to speak. But it doesn't take a parent to realize when children are being neglected.

If you are a parent, be responsible for your children. My trash bin is getting a little full.

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YOUR VIEW

What are you going to do with your tax rebate money?



"I'm going to take a mini-vacation."

Phyllis Howard
Graham resident



"I'm going to put the money into home improvements."

Don Coate
Burlington Junction resident



"I'm going to pay bills."

Daris Keith
Graham resident



"I'm going to put the money in my checking account and save it to pay my car insurance."

Jacob Loch
Stanberry resident



"I'm going to put it in the bank and save to buy a new car."

Matt Raya
Rockport resident

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OUR VIEW

Take precaution

Knowledge about summertime dangers the key to preventing avoidable accidents in the water

Summer has officially begun. Get out the beach balls, the sunscreen and the inner tubes. But more important than any summertime accessory, are the basic facts of water safety.

As the temperature rises, people head toward the nearest waterhole, be it cement or natural. While water provides for an entertaining afternoon, people must not forget the danger water can possess.

One of the most essential tools of water safety is learning how to swim. Swimming lessons are available for all ages, from infants to adults. Families can even learn home pool safety through the American Red Cross.

The key to water safety is preventing avoidable accidents. By teaching kids swimming techniques, lives can be saved. Accidents happen, but if children and adults are exposed to lifesaving methods, accidents will not escalate into tragedies.

The American Red Cross offers further water safety tips. They recommend swimming in supervised areas and obeying all rules or posted signs.

They also caution mixing water and alcohol. Some dangers of alcohol include impairing judgement, coordination, swimming skills, diving skills, and the body's ability to keep warm.

Teaching children swimming skills is not enough. They should always be supervised. Accidents only need a split second to occur. Parents should remember that flotation devices are not baby-sitters. There is no substitute for supervision.

Weather should also be watched when swimming. In this region, storms can occur unexpectedly. If lightning is seen, everyone should immediately evacuate the water. When swimming in rivers or other natural water sources, flash flooding is also a concern. By making an effort to be conscious of weather conditions, safety is improved.

Another helpful tool is learning Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. This is especially crucial for parents with home pools. CPR is vital knowledge for all people. There is no telling when the situation might call for it.

The Northwest Missourian encourages everyone to learn CPR and swimming skills. When people are aware of the dangers, tragic situations can be avoided. Summertime is a season for fun, water and safety.

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MY VIEW

Editor makes new connections on weekend trip



MARJIE KOSMAN
EDITOR IN CHIEF

There we were, eleven college girls, on vacation from class, work and boyfriends for five whole days. We were looking forward to a weekend of tanning, drinking and general laziness. We arrived Thursday night at my friend's house at the Lake of the Ozarks and promptly fell into bed after the five-hour drive.

Friday we woke up at the crack of noon, ready to lay out in the bright and waiting sun. One look out the window revealed clouds, gray skies and a slight mist of rain. So we bundled up in sweatshirts, jeans and blankets and took the boat out anyway. We screamed and laughed as our driver took us over waves at speeds that would make Jeff Gordon proud.

Freezing and soaking wet, we docked the boat back at the house. Several of us were hungry so we decided now would be a good time to go grocery shopping. Being broke college students, we budgeted our money the best way we knew how.

We bought the beer first. That left us with a fair amount to spend on things such as bread, cereal and lunch meat. Friday night was spent consuming what we had brought home.

Saturday was exciting. We woke up to the sun shining and decided to lie out on the dock for a little while. This was our first experience with our neighbors. As we were laying out, peacefully discussing something funny that happened the night before, we heard a shout from across the water.

"Hey!"
Now, being yelled at in this manner is, as all guys seem to think, the best way to approach women. Ignoring it, we continued our conversations.

"Hey! Are you guys old enough to buy cigarettes?"
"Are you kidding? This guy was asking if we were legal? What kind of pick up line is that?"

To save his ego, and show how mature we were, we all burst into fits of laughter while pointing and giggling.

"I'm just wondering how old you are!"
This guy was still yelling. We yelled across that we were in college and hoped he'd leave us alone. Suddenly the sound of a wave runner starting up came from his direction. Apparently, by answering back, we'd invited him over to our dock. Sure enough, two guys come riding across the water. The guy who had been doing the yelling climbed onto our dock and after an hour of telling us his fascinating philosophies on cars, beer and body piercings, we got his friend to come back over and take him home.

The next day, our last full day at the lake, was perfect weather and we took full advantage of it by boarding the boat and spending the day at "Party Cove."

"Party Cove" is actually code for "White Trash USA." The people who frequent this spot amazed me. I know the boys with the Confederate flags all over their boat were prime husband material, but we just couldn't make it over to their watercraft. The boat with three topless women was blocking our way. But the high school guys who insisted they went to community college were nice enough to tie their boat to ours so we wouldn't lose each other. I was especially excited when they tied the topless women's boat, or, as we liked to call it, "the boob boat," to their other side. On one side of me were drunk high schoolers, probably living their fantasy, and on the other side was a boat of middle-aged men with Mardi Gras beads trying to convince us to take our tops off. We politely pointed out there were boobs on that boat and drove away. But not before one of the "boob girls" offered one of my friends a job at her strip club.

The weekend was not only a bonding experience, it was actually a lot of fun. It opened my eyes to new and...different lifestyles. My friends and I will always remember the boat rides, the people and the events of our lake vacation. And, of course, the boobs.

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DUI law lowers legal BAC limit

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Gov. Bob Holden meant business when he signed the new Driving Under the Influence (DUI) bill last Tuesday, but for Maryville Public Safety, it's business as usual.

Like many other states, the new DUI bill lowers the legal blood-alcohol content for drivers in the state of Missouri from 0.10 percent to 0.08 percent, effective Sept. 29. Currently, Maryville officials are working on an ordinance to change Maryville's current DUI ordinance to comply with the newly adopted state law.

According to Keith Wood, director of Public Safety, over 100 DUI offenders were arrested last year in Maryville.

"Unfortunately, as the numbers continue to increase, so does the average blood-alcohol content," he said.

Wood explained that the average blood-alcohol content of those arrested by Maryville Public Safety officers last year was .14 percent. That percentage has increased from two years ago, when the average was .12 percent.

Wood said that he thinks the new law is a good idea because it is in the best interest of families and communities.

However, the law will not change the way Public Safety officers do their jobs.

"My general sense is that we

aren't getting the low blood-alcohol content drivers," he said.

In order to stop a driver under the influence, an officer must have probable cause, such as weaving, driving on the center line, running off the road or other suspicious activities on the road.

Wood said that probable cause is going to be more difficult with the lower blood-alcohol content drivers. He said that in order to stop someone with a blood-alcohol content of .08 the driver will have to be too impaired to drive normally.

"Best rule of thumb: If you drink, don't drive," Wood said. "In our community it is too easy to get home when drinking. There are no excuses for drinking and driving."

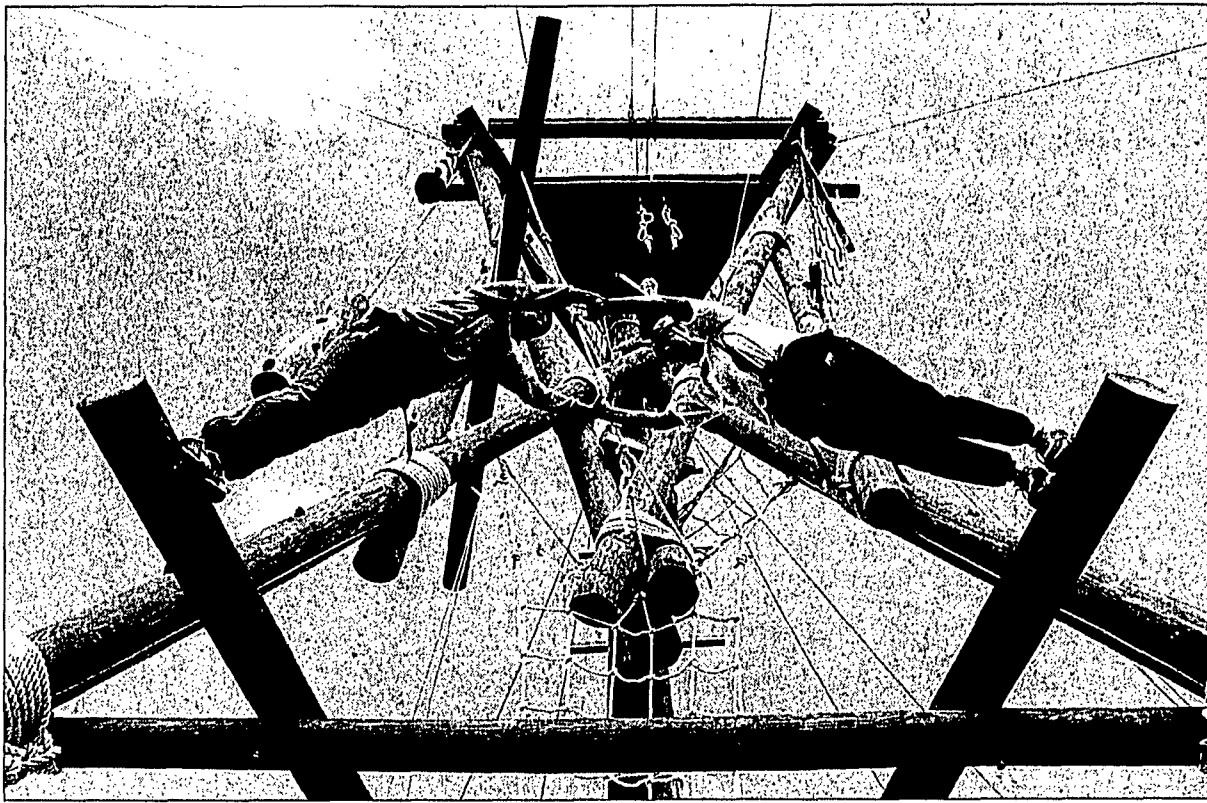
Wood said there is always another way home.

Rob Eischen, psychology major, said he expected the law.

"It is that way (0.08 blood alcohol content limit) in a lot of other states," he said. "I knew it would eventually make its way here."

He said the law is a good idea for Missourians. However, Eischen did express concern that police may become more critical and increase traffic stops on innocent drivers. He also added a concern that the new law creates a potential for more pressure on already crowded court rooms.

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An hourglass-shaped wooden gym is part of the new Outdoor Education and Recreation Area at Mozingo Lake. The area is used for three Northwest classes this summer and will be available for classes and individuals throughout the year.

Equipment at Mozingo helps leadership courses

By VICTORIA HUFF
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Three Northwest classes will be held at the new Outdoor Education and Recreation Area at Mozingo Lake this year.

Alpine Tower, Group Dynamics, and Climbing Wall are the new recreation classes that will take advantage of the new equipment offered at Mozingo.

"These classes are beyond physical activity," said Terry Robertson, associate professor of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. "They require a lot of team work and cooperation."

Students should be able to challenge themselves on the hourglass wooden gym along with learning valuable lessons like hard and soft skills.

"Hard skills are technical skills, like the physical skills, knowing how to climb and work the equipment properly," Robertson said. "Soft skills are the ability to work with different people."

Many students enjoyed being involved in the first recreation course at Mozingo.

"You get to meet a lot of people you may not otherwise be able

to meet, which is really cool," Kerry Finnegan, broadcasting major, said.

Robertson has received positive comments from students in class.

"A lot said that it increased their self confidence, decreased fear of heights, increased ability to stay in focus, helped decision-making skills and they had a good time," Robertson said.

The Alpine class at Mozingo was more than just exercise to the students, it helped to build good qualities that can be used in life.

"It's a good team-building activity," Eric Mickelson, broadcasting major, said. "You learn to work with others to accomplish the same goals."

There are going to be no new additions to the tower equipment, but there may be many additions to Mozingo.

"The tower and wall will remain constant, but the challenge course area hopefully will be expanded," Robertson said.

Although students developed many good qualities from the course, there were some downsides.

"The only negative thing is people wanted to climb more, in-

stead we did other activities that weren't as much fun," Mickelson said.

The weather can also negatively affect classes.

"The weather, it rained on us a few times or it was too windy to climb, so class would be canceled," Mickelson said. "Sometimes we would just climb in the rain, it's harder and not as much fun."

Another negative aspect is students in the Alpine class were responsible for their own transportation to Mozingo.

"We usually met prior to the class and carpooled out there," Finnegan said. "However, it's a good 15 minutes ride and the roads are not paved. It tore my car apart."

The recreation area opened in June, but is currently closed for two weeks, undergoing repairs.

"Friday, the tower was shut down because the contractors need to put the ground anchors in concrete, not dirt," Robertson said.

The Mozingo recreation area will be available to classes and individuals throughout the year.

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Chamber sponsors citywide auction

By APRIL WARNEMUNDE
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The local Chamber of Commerce will present a town auction themed "Thar's Gold in Them Receipts" June 28. The promotional event will be at 7 p.m. on the courthouse front lawn.

The auction is sponsored by many Maryville businesses including Wal-Mart, Maurices, Movie Gallery and Hy-Vee, to name a few.

Stores will be donating merchandise for the auction, and gold flyers are posted in all participating stores.

To participate in the auction, save any receipts dated from June 1, from stores involved. The receipt totals are added up and redeemed at the courthouse for "auction bucks."

Auction bucks can be used to bid on the various items available at the auction.

The wide assortment of merchandise presented for auction will consist of \$100 to \$150 gift certificates, sub sandwiches, gasoline, tanning sessions and more.

The auction is open to the public, and bidders must be present. A \$1,000 limit is imposed on each particular store; however, a bidder may have more than \$1,000 of combined receipts from different stores.

Colleen Hastings, coordinator of the event, said the auction is rewarding the community for shopping in Maryville.

"The Chamber wanted to have a promotion to encourage people to shop in Maryville," Hastings said.

Lonnie Scheffe, manager of Wal-Mart, stands behind the Chamber in promotions to give back to Maryville. Wal-Mart is donating a \$150 grocery gift certificate.

"We always try to involve ourselves in whatever the Chamber is doing to help the community," Scheffe said.

Auction bucks can be redeemed early, starting Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the courthouse. Receipts can also be turned in June 28 starting at 3:00 p.m. until the auction begins.

This is the first auction done by the Chamber of Commerce. If the auction is a success, it could be added to the annual promotional events that the Chamber currently presents to the community.

Other well-known events sponsored by the Chamber include the Sidewalk Sale in July and the Santa Shopping Spree during Christmas.

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Local car show scheduled this weekend at Hardee's

"Cruisin' in Style" is the theme for a local car show that will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday at Hardee's.

Hardee's employee Sandy Cochran will be hosting her first car show that will feature cars and pickups from the 1950s and 60s. The cars and pickups will be brought in from surrounding states and local citizens.

"If we have 25 to 30 cars, that will be a good turnout, but we hope for more if the weather permits," Cochran said.

The car show will include a cook-out and prizes will be awarded. The turnout at this show will determine whether Cochran will host another show tentatively planned for July 21, which will also be held at Hardee's.

If there is inclement weather, the "Cruisin' in Style" car show will be cancelled.

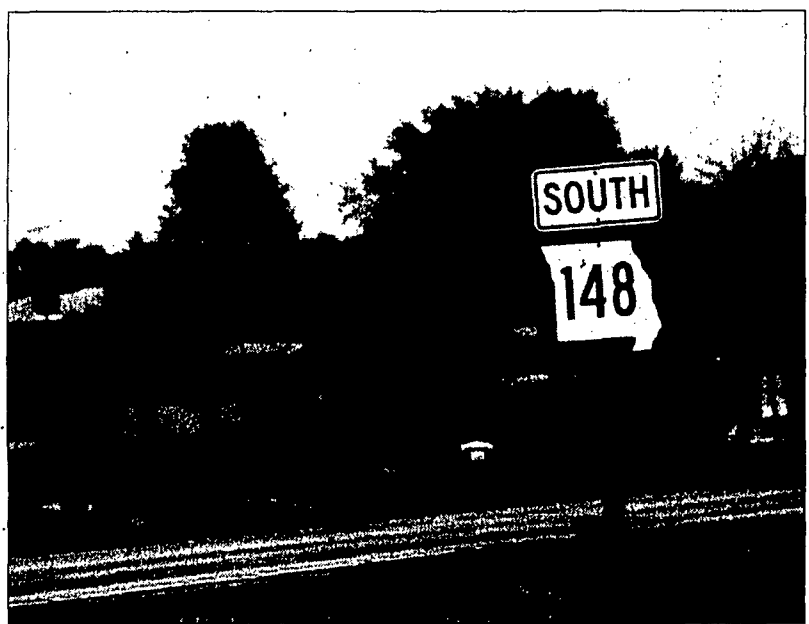


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Outdated bridges are being replaced along Highway 148 north of Maryville. Construction is being delayed due to frequent thunderstorms and showers.

Construction of Highway 148 slowed by inclement weather

By ANDREW TOWNSEND
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Highway 148 is undergoing major improvements between Hopkins and Pickering, that is if the weather will allow it.

A project to replace four bridges along that stretch of road began in March and is expected to be completed by next year.

The Missouri Department of Transportation said the plan calls for new bridges across Beard Creek, Beard Branch, Harman and 102 River as well as some straightening of the highway to meet the new bridges.

According to Larry Jacobson, resident engineer for Missouri Department of Transportation, more than 2,500 vehicles travel Highway 148 daily. Jacobson also stated that the current bridges are narrow and substandard. The bridges were built in the 1930s and were only intended to be used for 50 years.

The smaller bridges across Beard Creek and Beard Branch will be completed this summer. It is possible that the other two bridges may not be finished until next year according to Jacobson.

The project will cost \$7.98 mil-

lion to complete, and receive 80 percent of its funding from the federal government and the other 20 percent from the state government.

The project is being contracted by Hardy's Inc. of Brookfield. However, Hardy's has sublet the contract for the two larger bridges across the Harman and 102 to Loch Sand and Construction of Maryville.

The plan calls for 140 working days which would make the project done later this year, but with all the rainfall, crews have had little time to work. MoDOT estimates the project is behind by two or three weeks.

"Crews have barely had one day a week to work," Jacobson said. "Each time it rains they're shut down for three or four days."

Substantial rain has fallen in northwest Missouri over the last month and, if this trend continues, the Highway 148 project and many others will continue to be delayed. However, if the rain will stop long enough to let the area dry out, MoDOT is confident the project can get back on schedule, Jacobson said.

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Students with drug convictions unable to receive financial aid

By SCOTT PHILLIPS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

This school year, more students than ever are expected to be refused financial aid because of drug convictions.

This is on account of the 1998 provision of the Higher Education Act that prevents those students applying for financial aid from receiving it because of past misdemeanor or felony drug convictions.

The Higher Education Act (HEA) was created over 30 years ago to open doors for higher education. The act sets up programs such as Pell Grants, Perkins Loans, PLUS Loans and Work-Study Programs, just to name a few. Periodically, Congress reviews the act to ensure adequate funding and access to college for millions of Americans.

According to the Department of Education, as of April 29, 4.8 million financial aid applications have been processed (half of the estimated total). Of those nearly 5 million applications, almost 35,000 responded "yes" to question 35: "Have you ever been convicted of possessing or selling illegal drugs?"

Throw in the 17,492 students who have not returned a completed worksheet or are partly eligible, and the 10,954 who refuse to answer the required drug question and 28,446 applicants are at risk of losing their full-year financial aid eligibility with half the applications processed.

"These dramatic numbers dwarf the 9,114 that lost some or all federal aid during the 2000-2001 school year," said David Borden, executive director of the Drug

Reform Coordination Network.

Those who support this measure do so on the basis that this is the best "anti-drug" initiative available to the government. This year, an estimated 60,000 students will learn the government's "anti-drug" initiative the hard way.

Borden does not agree with the government's tactics.

"We believe this law will go down in history as one of the most foolhardy mistakes of the entire drug war," Borden said.

Katrina Pilton of the Northwest financial aid office can sympathize with the students but also sees the government's side.

"They (students) make a good case, I can see where they're coming from. But from the college's standpoint, when freshmen come to Northwest, there should be the assurance that it is drug-free," Pilton said.

Organizations such as the NAACP, United States Student Association and the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators argue that the HEA drug provision kicks minorities while they're already down by inserting the pre-existing racial bias in drug convictions on to higher education.

According to the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, African-Americans make up 13 percent of illegal drug users and 55 percent of those convicted of drug offenses.

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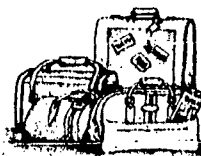
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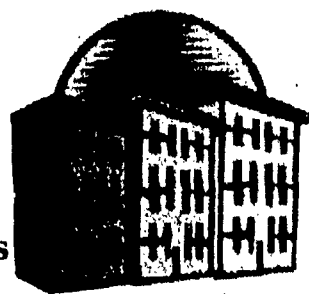
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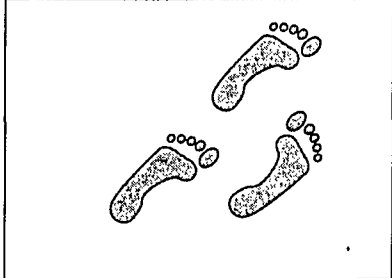


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Stroller returns props

Your Man couldn't be happier. Everything went as planned for the weekend. For those of you who missed out on last week's issue, here's a little recap. Your Man is a chick magnet, who landed a date with a girl that would never give him the time of day during the school year due to the increase in the male population. Prior to the date, I had run some quick errands to fix myself, along with my house, before the date. In the process, I discovered that Wal-Mart was the only store that could fulfill all my needs. So, on Saturday the date went great. We got along quite well, and she mentioned more than once how much she liked my outfit and haircut... both from Wal-Mart. She also loved the new entertainment center in my house. Boy, let me tell you, movies look a lot different on a big screen television. My 9-inch just doesn't have the same effect.



THE STROLLER

So, after the movie was over, I took her home, kissed her good night, and headed back home to start packing things up for tomorrow. Sunday I loaded the entertainment center, including the big screen TV, and my new outfit in the back of my truck. Doris, the greeter-lady that works the north entrance, is the nicest lady at the Supercenter. She was quick with a smile, a cart and a return sticker.

The lady in customer service didn't share the smile like Doris. But, of course, she gladly took everything back. She asked me if there was anything wrong with the entertainment center and television. I told her it all worked just fine, and that it even got me a goodnight kiss. She seemed quite confused at that statement, but she handed me my money back and I was on my way. So, now that it's getting hot, I'm thinking about buying a pool from Wal-Mart and putting it in my backyard. I could have some parties, barbecue and hop in the pool. Heck, you're all invited. I live in that house that looks like it is over 100 years old and is falling apart, come on over. And, once again, the nice thing about the pool is that I can always return the thing in October.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

Entertainment Reviews

New wave hip-hop turns heads

By SCOTT PHILLIPS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

When the average listener puts Gorillaz in their CD player for the first time, a look of complete confusion will fall over their face. Somewhat reminiscent of the look on Einstein's face when a critic tried to convince him that E does not equal MC squared. As to say with a single facial expression "Who is this and how is this possible?"



Gorillaz baffles the listener with its orchestrated, harmonious blending of head-nodding hip-hop, pop, country, swing and pulsating electronic jazz rhythms compounded into an ultramodern British pop sound.

This sound is the design of innovative producer Dan "The Automater" Nakamura. Throw in

Blurs' Damon Albarn's vocals and Del the Funky Homosapien's distinctive verbal onslaught and you get the future of pop music, a melting pot of musical genres molded.

The originality of the production on Gorillaz has done for music what

Picasso did for art. Instead of a brush, The Automater uses tools such as Roland Space Echo units and Sequential Circuits Studio 440 drum sampling machines to paint his pieces.

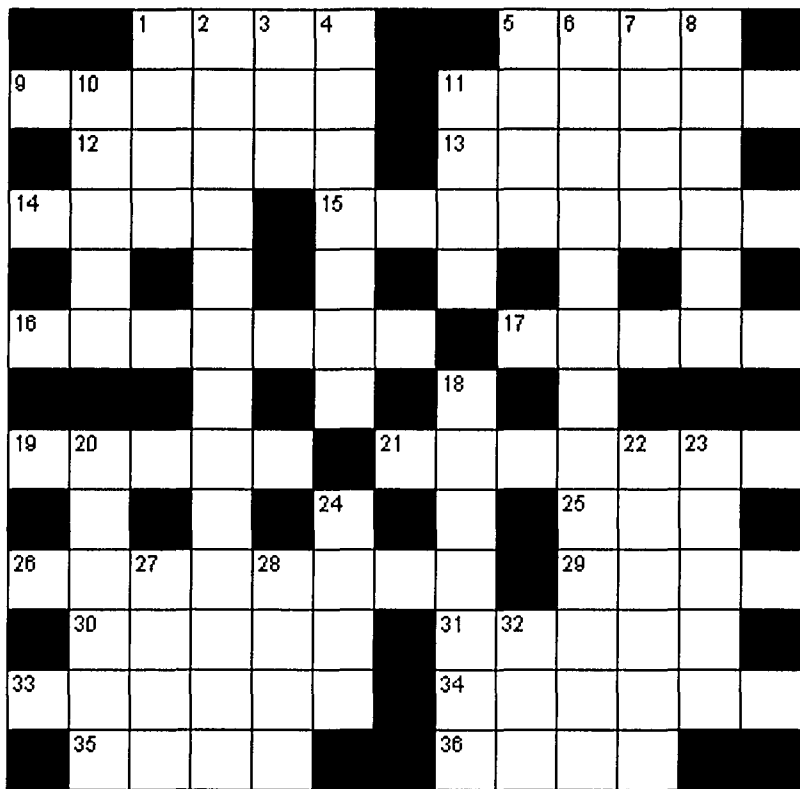
This is evident in the first release off their self-titled debut, the bouncy piano driven "Clint Eastwood," which is currently receiving regular airtime on MTV. This video's distinctive computer generated graphics sets itself apart from the other videos presently on MTV's play roster. The video's animation is the work of cartoonist Jaime Hewlett and

doesn't stop with the video. The band's jaw-dropping Web site www.gorillaz.com is also a creation of Hewlett. He has represented each band member as a cartoon character with their own individuality and personality traits.

Each song on Gorillaz is respectfully different from the other. Tunes such as "Tomorrow Comes Today" have a ponderous hip-hop beat, while songs like "Rock the House" have no distinctive hip-hop beat, but rely on horns and wind instruments to carry the beat alongside Del the Funky Homosapien's proficient rhymes. Other songs like "Latin Simone" and "Slow Country" are more conservative in their uniqueness.

The only problem I see with Gorillaz is that it may be too far ahead of its time. This could pose a problem for the group because people will probably sleep on this post-modern pop excursion, they usually do. Only time will tell.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



36. Divisions of geologic time

Down

- 1. Internally illuminating radiation (1,3)
- 2. Male head of a household (3,2,3,5)
- 3. Fall ill
- 4. Smart
- 5. Translucent mineral
- 6. Articles needed for a particular operation
- 7. Chilled
- 8. Seat occupied by a sovereign
- 10. Sharp, nasal tone
- 11. Abbreviation
- 18. Fruit beverage
- 20. Device for applying eyewash
- 22. Large black birds
- 23. Stop
- 24. Manufactured
- 27. Don't come first
- 28. Cut
- 32. Intog

ANSWERS



Across

- 1. Yule
- 5. Saliva
- 9. Narrow sea channel
- 11. Native American
- 12. In a languid manner
- 13. More barren
- 14. Knock senseless
- 15. Retriever
- 16. Boastful person
- 17. Cut into small pieces

19. Disease

- 21. Range of mountains
- 25. Seize
- 26. Move
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- 30. Was able
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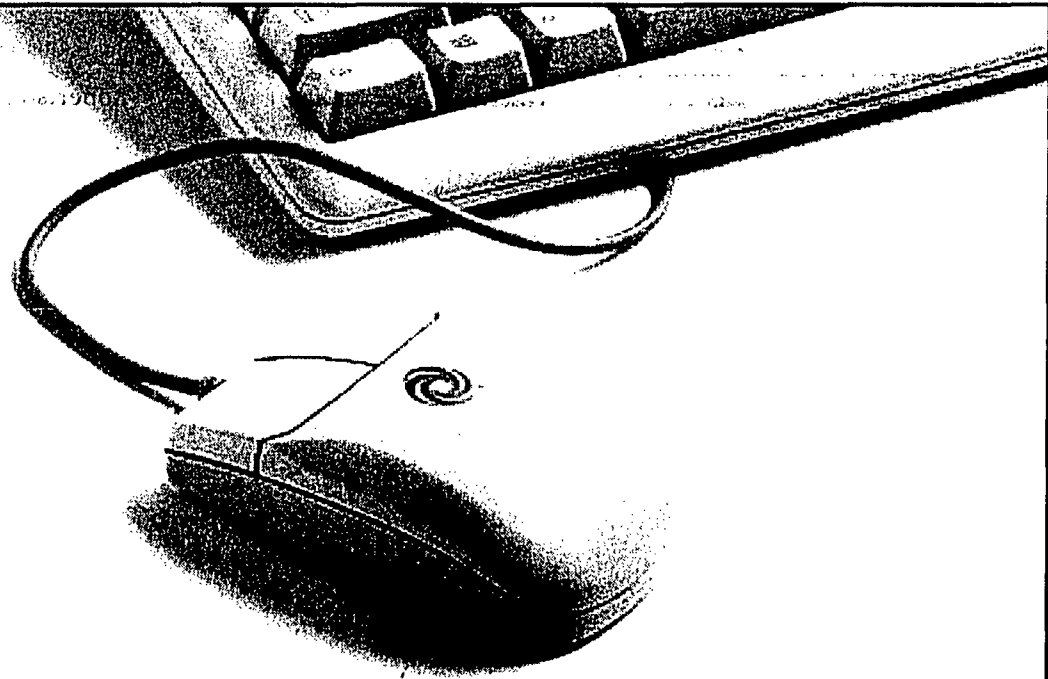
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'Cats seek to prove worth in NFL

Linebacker knows sacrifices he must endure to earn a roster spot to make it to next level

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

Former Northwest linebacker Brian Williams has been in this position before, surrounded by players that may be a little quicker or stronger, but that is not going to hold him back.

After being signed as an undrafted rookie free agent in April, Williams has been vying to earn a roster spot against 30 other rookies for the Jacksonville Jaguars.

"I know what I need to do and I am going to try my best in doing it," Williams said. "When I started at Northwest I was in a position where I had to work my way up and I did that."

Williams' hard work and dedication at Northwest catapulted him from a special teams ace his freshman year to honorable-mention linebacker in the MIAA his sophomore year, to first team as a junior and ending as the conference's Defensive Player of the Year as a senior.

"I had to prove not only to the coaches and fans, but to myself that I could compete at a more physical and competitive level each year at Northwest," Williams said. "I think I accomplished a lot and learned a lot from the coaching staff and now I just need to take it and make it stick in the NFL."

With 11 other linebackers on the roster as of June 19, Williams will be tested, but Jacksonville is a team in dire need of help at that position.

After releasing 11-year veteran Lonnie Marts June 4, the Jaguars were left with All-Pro linebackers Kevin Hardy and Hardy Nickerson as the only starters.

Hardy has spent the off-season away from the practice field in a contract dispute while Nickerson, who will be 36 when the season starts, missed all but six games last season with hamstring and knee problems.

The Jaguars do have second-year veteran T.J. Slaughter, who filled in for Nickerson last season. He will return but likely be moved to outside linebacker.

Jacksonville also drafted two linebackers, Eric Westmoreland from the University of Tennessee, and Anthony Denman from the University of Notre Dame, but Williams said more depth is needed.

"When I signed here, I felt Jacksonville was a team that I could make my mark," Williams said. "Sure, there are 11 other guys fighting for six or seven spots, but I know I can offer more with special teams, too."

Even with the possibility of knowing he may not make the Jaguars lingering in the back of his mind, Williams said his main objective was to show that Division II players should not be ignored.

"I knew coming in that the cards were stacked against me, but I figured if I can show how dedicated I am to this sport, it may open eyes for other Division II players that didn't get invited to a training camp," Williams said. "Division II is as competitive as any other Division, and a lot of times players are overlooked."

THE Williams FILE
Born: July 8, 1978
Size: 6-1, 245 pounds
CAREER STATS
2000 (Senior)
■ Named MIAA defensive Payer of the Year
■ Led team with 68 tackles and 16 for loss
1999 (Junior)
■ Named first-team All-MIAA
■ Led team with 114 tackles and 11 tackles for loss
1998 (Sophomore)
■ Named Honorable Mention All-MIAA
■ Second-leading tackler on team with 84 stops
■ Second on team with nine tackles for loss
1997 (Freshman)
■ Saw action in nearly every game, recording 13 tackles, mostly on special teams.

THE Miles FILE
Born: May 16, 1978
Size: 5-9, 180 pounds
CAREER STATS
2000 (Senior)
■ Named MIAA offensive Player of the Year
■ Led team in receiving with 1,034 yards on 55 catches and 10 touchdowns
1999 (Junior)
■ Named Burger King/AFCA All-America as a kick returner
■ Ranked second in the nation in punt returns
1998 (Sophomore)
■ Named All-MIAA as a wide receiver and second-team All-MIAA as a kick returner
■ Led team in receiving, hauling in 60 receptions for 980 yards
1997 (Freshman)
■ Returned kickoff 86 yards against North Dakota State

Receiver ready to demonstrate skills for coaching staff when summer camp opens

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

The numerous Northwest football records he holds shows the dedication he has for the game while the many plays he made over his four-year career mark his composure.

Even with what he accomplished at Northwest, wide receiver Tony Miles is going to need to raise the bar again in order to become a member of the St. Louis Rams.

Signing as an undrafted free agent April 25, Miles was not pessimistic about being overlooked at the NFL draft.

"It was not as disappointing in not being drafted, but it was disappointing to watch some wide receivers get drafted that I knew I was better than," Miles said. "I know that if I go out and prove myself then I will find a spot somewhere."

One of 11 receivers on the Rams roster, Miles will be in constant competition to make the team once the summer training camp rolls around in July at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Ill.

Many may be hesitant on how they would make the team with so much against them, but Miles said he is comfortable with his surroundings.

"I really can't complain right now because things went fairly well during the mini-camps we had," Miles said. "Coming in, I knew a little of the offense because a lot of the Rams passing plays are similar to Northwest's. This enabled me to get some reps during the mini-camps."

Getting repetitions at the June 3 mini-camp was not only important for Miles because of the experience, but he is also competing for a backup spot with six other receivers that have less than one year of professional football experience.

"This team works with a lot of small speedy receivers who make plays," Miles said. "The majority of these guys are not overpowering, and I feel that gives me an advantage because I offer so much more."

For Miles to be successful he said he needs to learn the game from a different standpoint.

"The big thing for me this offseason is to learn the offense from a mental standpoint and fine tune my route running," Miles said. "I want to go back to Texas and make some strides before training camp starts."

One area Miles will be offering his services is on special teams, where he was a constant contributor for Northwest during his collegiate career.

During his junior year, Miles was named Burger King All-American as a kick returner, averaging 24 yards a kickoff. He also ranked second in the nation in punt returns, averaging 21 yards a punt that year.

"I am at the position where I am very versatile and can benefit this team at different positions," Miles said. "I want to contribute any way I can to help make this team win."

Miles has been active outside the organization contributing his time to good causes.

He and fellow rookie free agent wide receiver Lavel Bailey presented roses to breast cancer survivors at the St. Louis Race for the Cure to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation on June 11. Rams quarterback Kurt Warner and his mother, Brenda, hosted the event.

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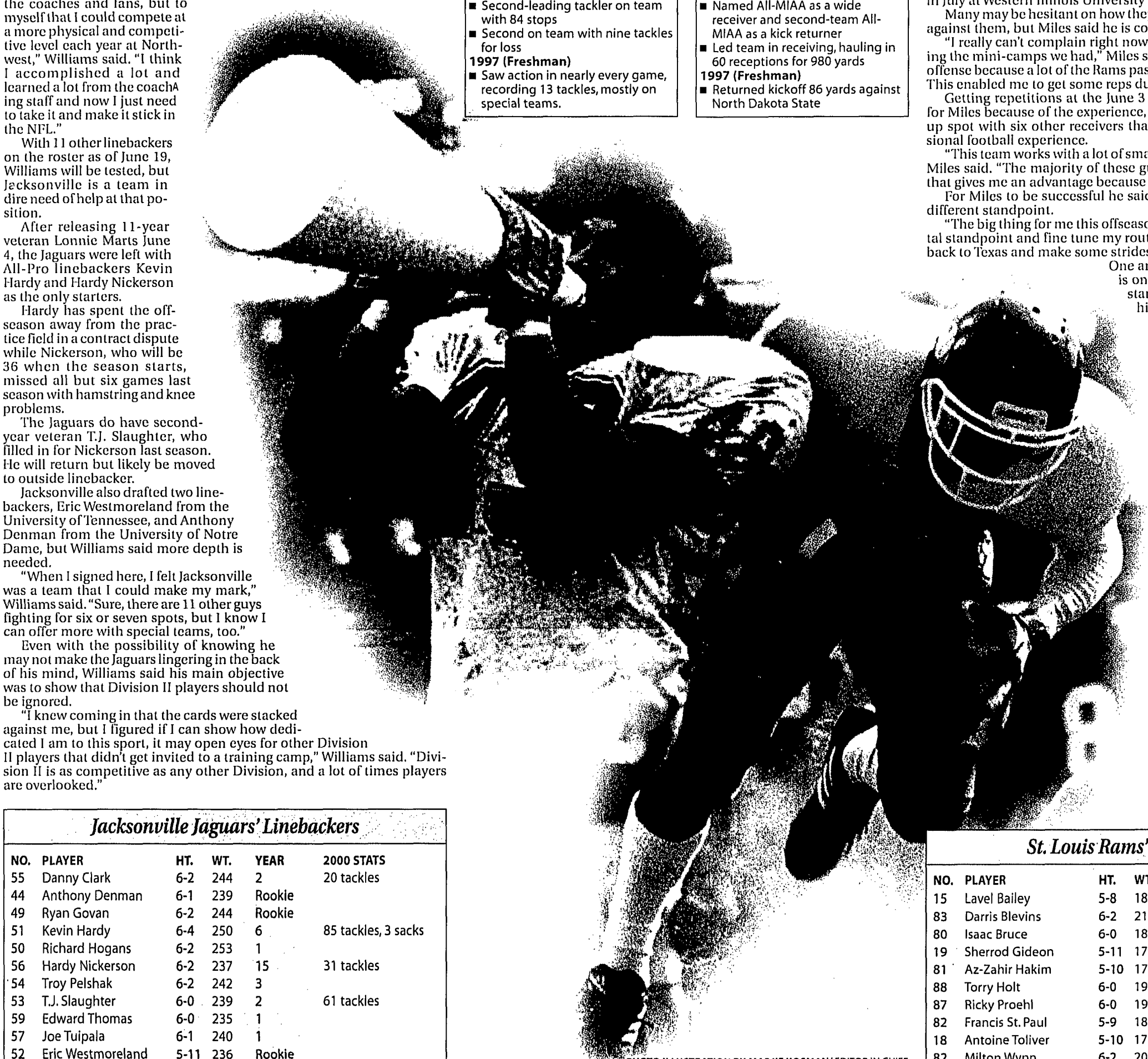


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Jacksonville Jaguars' Linebackers					
NO.	PLAYER	HT.	WT.	YEAR	2000 STATS
55	Danny Clark	6-2	244	2	20 tackles
44	Anthony Denman	6-1	239	Rookie	
49	Ryan Govan	6-2	244	Rookie	
51	Kevin Hardy	6-4	250	6	85 tackles, 3 sacks
50	Richard Hogans	6-2	253	1	
56	Hardy Nickerson	6-2	237	15	31 tackles
54	Troy Pelshak	6-2	242	3	
53	T.J. Slaughter	6-0	239	2	61 tackles
59	Edward Thomas	6-0	235	1	
57	Joe Tuipala	6-1	240	1	
52	Eric Westmoreland	5-11	236	Rookie	

St. Louis Rams' Wide Receivers					
NO.	PLAYER	HT.	WT.	YEAR	2000 STATS
15	Lavel Bailey	5-8	182	Rookie	
83	Darris Blevins	6-2	216	1	
80	Isaac Bruce	6-0	188	8	87 rec., 1,471 yards
19	Sherrod Gideon	5-11	173	1	
81	Az-Zahir Hakim	5-10	179	4	55 rec., 776 yards
88	Torry Holt	6-0	190	3	82 rec., 1,635 yards
87	Ricky Proehl	6-0	190	12	31 rec., 441 yards
82	Francis St. Paul	5-9	180	Rookie	
18	Antoine Toliver	5-10	178	1	
82	Milton Wynn	6-2	207	Rookie	

Summer basketball camps underway

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More than 600 students from grades 4-12 are gearing up for this summer's Northwest women's basketball camp.

Five women's basketball camps will take place this summer, going from June 11 through July 28.

Some camp practices will run one a day, while others take place two days. For the camps lasting two days, students will stay in Franken Hall.

The first camp, which ran June 11-13, focused on both offensive and defensive skills as well as shooting skills. The age group that participated in this camp ranged from grades 4-9.

Position camp, which took place June 18-20, focused mainly on offensive skills, but also included defensive skills.

One-day team camps, June 16-July 7, pairs high school teams in comparable divisions according to size and ability. Each team is guaranteed five games. The cost per team is \$250 with a limit of 10 players. If a team has more than 10 athletes, a \$30 fee per player will be enforced. A junior varsity division is also available.

There is a two-day team camp

for high school girls, July 27-28.

The students spend two days in competition with schools of similar size and talent level. Ten games are guaranteed, and the cost is \$85, and includes meals and lodging. If students commute, the cost is \$60, no meals included. This camp also includes a junior varsity division.

The Bearcat overnight skill camp is for junior high and elementary players, grades 4-9 and runs July 11-12. The focus of this camp will be on fundamentals, such as offensive skills, shooting and defensive skills. The cost is \$95 and includes meals and lodging. Commuting students will be charged \$70, no meals included.

"The level and intensity of these camps are high because there are no frills, just playing," said Gene Steinmeyer, Northwest women's basketball head coach.

Steinmeyer has a lot of helpers this summer including assistant coach Angie Kristensen, and Bearcat players. He also has

coaches from Maryville High School, Cameron High School, Shenandoah High School, and three coaches from Nebraska.

Steinmeyer said there are many benefits the University receives from his camps.

"The exposure to the camps is the main one," he said. "Also, the students are filling empty dorms and eating in the Union."

Students participating are excited to come to campus and improve their basketball skills.

"I like the individual attention we receive from the coaches and college players," said Tecumseh, Neb., native Donna Woltemath.

Another student discussed reasons why she liked camps at Northwest.

"My dad first saw the camp, and after I looked into it, looked like a great camp and I also get to play with college girls," said Kaylea Brown, from Braymer.

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Ruth Steadman, Johnson-Brock, Neb., works on a screen pass during the Northwest women's basketball camp. The camp was taught by Northwest coaches and players along with high school coaches from Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa.